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(CARTER-TURNER)

ST. LOUIS (UPI) - PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY THAT CARTER HAD SENT INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER A MEMO, BUT REFUSED TO CHARACTERIZE IT AS A CHEWING OUT.

"IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE PRESIDENT TO WRITE NOTES TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, TO HIS STAFF OR TO PARTY OFFICIALS, IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGES THEM TO EXCEL," PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL TOLD REPORTERS ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE.

"IT'S NOT UNPRECEDENTED, CERTAINLY NOT IN THIS ADMINISTRATION."

AT FIRST, POWELL WOULD NOT CONFIRM CARTER HAD CRITICIZED TURNER IN A MEMO, BUT LATER THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NOTE HAD BEEN SENT BUT NOT THAT IT WAS A CHEWING OUT.

POWELL ALSO SAID CARTER PROBABLY WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK.

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